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City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 10th Jan., 1877.

The Board of Aldermen of 1876 met for the last time in the Council Chamber last night, at the usual hour, His Worship Mayor Macdonald in the chair, and the following members present: Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Murray, McPhail, Skinner, Ross, Minhinnick, Rapley, Christie, Lewis, Partridge, sr., Brown, Partridge, jr., Hiscox, McColl, Henderson and Jones.

The following communications were read:

From Thos. Churcher, on behalf of the Board of Trade, asking for the free use of the City Hall on Friday evening next. Granted.

From Jno. Clark, on behalf of Excelsior Quadrille Club, asking for free use of hall on the evening of 16th, for an assembly, the proceeds to go to the Orphans' Home. Granted.

From Geo. Freeland, Sec. of Y. M. C A., for free use of hall Tuesday evening for Colfax's lecture. Granted.

From A. W. Brunel, Ottawa, respecting appointment of gas metre inspector, Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From James Fitzgerald, asking permission to move frame building within fire limits. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committtee with power.

From David Vass, W. G. H. Parkhouse, Jane Harris and Geo. McGeary, for remission of taxes. The petitions of of D. Vass and Jane Harris were referred to the Finance and Assessment Committees; that of Mr. Parkhouse to the same, with power. On motion the prayer of the petition of George McGeary was granted.

From D. Cameron and other civil service employees, regarding exemption from taxation. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

Accounts were received from E. A. Taylor & Co., stationery, $16.24. Referred to Finance Committee.

Ald. Brown, Chairman, submitted the following report from the Hospital and Relief Committee:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the following accounts for supplies to the hospital for the month of December, and having found them correct, have referred the same to the Finance Committee for payment, amounting to $743.29, viz. : Mr. Pratt, for work done, $21; Mr. Beattie, for straw, $10; cab hire, from hospital and jail, $1; Mr. Hinton, burying the dead, $16.50; Tytler & Rose, groceries, $105 55; Bricklen & Powell, meat, $70 08; J. B. Smyth, bread, $36.96; Mrs. Woodward, milk, $17.36; Strong & Rosser, medicine, $24.82; servants' wages, $46.25; John Miller, stoves and pipe, $38.30; W. J. Reid & Co., crockery, $16 15; J. Adamson, repairing water pipe, $12.74; Alex. Purdom, repairs, $10 21; Reid & Anderson, stationery, $4 83 ; Samuel Stewart, oil, &c., $38.50; Jas. Cowan, hardware, $11 10; John Labatt, ale, $13.50; R. S. Murray, goods, $18; E. Winder, glazing, $5; T. F. Kingsmill, quilts, $36; Struthers & Peel, soft soap, $6; McColl Bros., seeds, &c., $4.90; D. Fraser, blacksmithing, $1.50; Stephen Grant, postage, $1.56; A. Chisholm & Co., goods, $10.50; R. Kirkpatrick, boots and shoes, $6.50 ; Mr. Sloan, coal, $124.67; Hinton & Portwood, interments, $33.50. Total, $743.29.

Your Committee have also examined the following accounts for relief and railway passes for the months of November and December, and, having found them correct, amounting to $107.70, beg leave to report the same to this Council, viz.: Month November—Mrs. Jones, keeping child one month, $5; Mrs. Price, fare to Brantford, $1.95; Mr. Pratt, delivering

wood to poor, $15 30. December—Mrs. Jones, keeping child one month, $5; Mrs. Turton, keeping child one month, $5; Mrs. Wm. Archer, fare to Kingston, $9 40; John Ratford, fare to Stratford, 95 cents; James Cullen, fare to Acton, $2; Mr. Brenton, for stove, $7; Mr. Pratt, delivering wood to poor, $34 20; Philip Cook, shoes for poor, $8 15; David Hughes, keeping child three months, $13; cab hire, taking children to Orphans' Home, 75 cents. Total, $107.70.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the report for the month of December of Relief Officer Hughes, giving the amount of cash and wood distributed for the relief of the poor in the different Wards of the city, viz.:

	Cash.	Wood.
No. 1 Ward.....	$14 00	10½ cords.
No. 2 Ward.....	21 00	5½ "
No. 3 Ward.....	12 75	12 "
No. 4 Ward.....	3 80	1½ "
No. 5 Ward.....	9 75	13 "
No. 6 Ward.....	8 50	11 "
No. 7 Ward.....	10 00	2½ "
	$79 80	57 cords.

The Hospital Steward placed before your Committee a detailed statement of the income and expenditure, and other statistics, which your Committee have great pleasure in submitting to the Council, viz:

Total expenditure for 1876.....	$6,231 71
Receipts during same period....	5,297 49
Difference.....	$ 934 22

Number of patients remaining in the building on the 1st January, 1876, 30, patients chargeable as under: City of London, 20 patients; County of Middlesex, 5 patients; pensioners, 3; paying patients, 1; paying half fare, 1. Total 30.

Admitted during the year ending 31st Dec., 1876: From City of London, 171; from County of Middlesex, 25; paying patients, 19; from Exeter town, 1; from township of Plympton, 1; pensioners, 6—making a total of 253 under treatment during the year, including 17 children born in the Hospital, 3 males and 14 females.

Discharged during the same period, City of London patients, 150, County of Middlesex patients, 21; pensioners 8; paying patients, 16. Total, 195.

Died during same period, city patients, 13; county patients, 5; half fare patients, 1. Total, 19.

Remaining in hospital on 31st December, 1876, city patients, 28; county patients, 4; pensioners, 1; from the township of Plympton, 1; from town of Exeter, 1; paying patients, 4. Total, 39.

Collective stay of patients, 11,904 days; average stay to each patient, 47 days; daily average cost for each patient, 52c.; made up as follows: Living, clothing and bedding, 24c; salaries, attendance, medicine and medical comfort, 17c.; fuel, 6c.; lamps, oil, stoves, tinware, repairs, ordinary laundry, soap and cleaning, stationery, glassware, crockery and cutlery, 5c. Total, 52c.

Out of the 19 deaths which occurred during the year 4 were buried independent of the city.

Your Committee, in placing the following suggestions from the President, Surgeon and Steward before you, would recommend that the matter be placed in the hands of the Hospital Committee for 1877. The suggestions are as follows:

That a circular might be framed giving the form necessary for the admission of patients to the London General Hospital, and also stating the advantages of the Hospital, with a view of soliciting more patronage from paying patients.

Also, that in the circular full information be given as to medical attendance, fees, &c., as it is found that persons in authority in the different municipalities are unacquainted with the rules and regulations of the Hospital, as there has not been anything heretofore to this effect made public.

And in concluding this, our last report for 1876, your Committee feel that they would be remiss in their duty were they to allow the year's labor to close without bringing under the notice of this Council the very efficient manner that the President, Surgeon and Hospital Stewards have discharged their duties in conducting the affairs of the Hospital; and in thus bringing them under the notice of this Council, we feel that we can safely recommend them to the favorable consideration of the Council of 1877.

The report was received and adopted without discussion.

Ald. Williams, in presenting the report of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, first read that of the Chief of the Fire Department, which has already appeared in our columns. Following is the report of the Committee:

Your Committee, in presenting the annual report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, beg to point out the number of tanks that are in his opinion inadequate in case of fire; also that a large portion of Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 Wards are actually without tanks or a water supply of any description. About 25 of the 64 tanks are too small, and should be replaced as soon as possible by larger ones. And to give fire protection to the thickly built portions of the above-named wards from 20 to 40 tanks are absolutely necessary. Your Committee would point out that these portions of the city have been built up within the last few years, during which time no tanks have been sunk. Under these circumstances, your Committee urge upon the Council the necessity of prompt action being taken.

Your Committee, in presenting their last annual report, have much pleasure in bringing to your notice the zeal and attention displayed at all times by Mr. Wastie, the officers and men of the department; and also beg to report that the engines, apparatus, etc., are in a good and serviceable condition.

Accounts for supplies for the Fire Department, amounting to $4,237.20.

In moving the adoption of the report, Ald. Williams suggested that the new Council be recommended to seriously consider the question of increasing the number of tanks.

Ald. Brown seconded the remarks of Ald. Williams, after which—

The report was adopted.

Ald. Pritchard, Chairman, read the following report from the Market Committee:

1st. Your Committee would report that they have accepted the tender of Mr. Moses Wilson for the fees of Covent Garden Market from Jan. 9th to Dec. 31st, 1877, the amount being $4,736.

2nd. That the tender of Jas. Janes, for the basement stalls—$226—has been accepted.

Considerable discussion ensued, owing to the fact of Ald. Brown having charged the members of the committee with dishonesty in the awarding of contracts for fees—a charge that was denied *in toto*, and Ald. B. severely reprimanded for bringing up such a groundless affair:

The report was adopted.

Ald. Lewis, chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Committee beg to report, having examined the following accounts, and recommend payment of same:

Pay sheet, city officers, $2,372.50; hospital account, $1,015.83; City Hall expenses, wood, etc., $85.25; police station, $7.20; incidental expenses, $11.85; fire department account, $1,188.90; relief account, $107.70; S & A. McBride's account, $504; Gas Company's account, $3,048.30; A. Brown's account for distress warrant, re McClary Manf. Co., $11.50; A. S. Abbott's account for registration, $113.60; R. Boyd & Son, for police clothing, $151.25; James Glen, $358; E. Beltz for caps, $39; Laing & McPherson's account, $54; Chief of Police Wigmore, sundries, $11.92; R. W. Soper's account, $1; George Burns, $30. Total, $9,111.80

Ald. McPhail verbally reported from the Board of Works, recommending that the improvements spoken of in the last report be left in the hands of the new Board.

Ald. Sutherland, as chairman, read the following report from the Prak Committee:

The Park Committee recommend that the City Clerk notify Col. Moffat that the brigade office at present rented from him by the city will not be required after the present quarter expires, as the new brigade office is now ready for occupation.

The City Solicitor's opinion in reference to the granting of a portion of the Park Grounds to the Tecumseh Base Ball Club, as being illegal, your Committee, therefore, recommend that no action be taken.

Your Committee recommend that the same grounds occupied by the Tecumseh Base Ball Club last year be granted to them this year on the terms and conditions hereafter to be agreed upon.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Campbell, speaking for the Railway Committee, said he had seen Mr. Dawson, and that gentleman had inform-

ed the speaker that the G. W. R. Co. was prepared to carry the mails over the L. H. & B. at any hour; but at present the matter lay with the Government to move in the matter, and he would suggest that the new Council be recommended to take action in the matter as soon as possible.

Ald. Christie moved that the City Engineer be authorized to have the snow taken off the sidewalks where required, and more especially in the outer Wards.

The resolution was ruled out of order, as a by law was in existence governing the same.

A by-law appointing Messrs. C. A. Sippi and Robt. Reid High School Trustees was read three times and passed.

Messrs. W. R. Vining, C. A. Sippi, Robt. Reid and Alex. Gunn, were nominated for the position. On the first vote being taken, the result was : Vining, 9; Sippi, 15; Reid, 12; Gunn, 10.

At this point His Worship was requested to vacate the chair, and Ald. Campbell having been placed therein,

Ald. Pritchard rose and moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor and retiring Aldermen. Though not much given to the delivery of flattering speeches, he could not let the present opportunity pass without publicly expressing his regret that they were to lose such faithful servants of the people. Ald. Pritchard went on to speak in pleasing terms of the retiring members, mentioning particularly the name of Ald. Lewis, whose presence at the Council Board this year would be missed by one and all.

Ald. Jones, in seconding the motion, fully endorsed the utterances of the previous speaker. He (Jones) specially regretted the retirement of Ald. McPhail —a gentleman who, though a little cranky at times, had always done what he thought was best, had done his duty, and had been a most efficient member of the Council.

Aldermen Williams, Christie, Partridge, Sr., Sutherland, Ross and Minhinnick, followed in a similar strain, after which—

The motion was carried unanimously.

His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen McColl, Henderson and McPhail suitably replied, each one mentioned that he had done his best for the interest of the city —remarks that were greeted with loud applause by the other members and spectators.

Mayor Macdonald moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, a cordial vote of thanks to the City Clerk, City Treasurer and other officials for their valuable services in behalf of the city. Carried.

Mr. Abbott returned thanks for himself and other officials in appropriate language.

Ald. Williams moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, the thanks of the Board to the reporters of the city press for their efforts in placing the proceedings of the Council before the citizens during the year. Carried.

Ald. Williams moved, seconded by Ald. McColl, that the sum of $25 be granted to each of the reporters of the city press, viz. : Messrs. Hooper, Bremner and Dewar, for their services in reporting the proceedings of the Council during 1876.

The motions were carried unanimously.

The parties named in the motion having returned thanks,

The Council adjourned.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 15th Jan., 1877.

The Board of Aldermen elected for the year 1877 met for the first time in the Council Chamber at noon to-day. The following members having subscribed to the declaration of office, took their seats: Messrs. Sutherland, Gray, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, Jones, Skinner, Regan, McNab, Hiscox, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Boyd, Egan, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr.

The clerk having read the returns from the different wards,

Ex-Mayor Macdonald introduced the Mayor elect (Mr. Pritchard), who on taking his seat, was applauded.

Ex-Mayor Macdonald hoped that his successor would be accorded that hearty support he had met with, and he had no fear that at the end of the year he would retire with honor to himself and the Board. With a brief allusion to the business that would be likely to come up this year, including the assessment question, Mr. Macdonald resumed his seat.

Mayor Pritchard thanked ex-Mayor Macdonald for his kind remarks and proceeded to speak of the many matters that would come up during the year. In dealing with these he trusted he would receive every support from the members of the Board. It would be his sole aim to do his best for the interests of the city. He thought that by prudent management all our liabilities could be met during the year with reduced taxation. He asked each individual member to do his best for the city. As for himself nothing would be done in his official capacity without first consulting the aldermen Having again asked the hearty co-operation of those around the Board, he concluded amid applause.

The minutes of previous meeting were then read and confirmed.

Communications were read from Messrs. A. G. Smyth and W. D. Riddell, each asking for appointment as auditor.

Moved by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald, that Mr A. G Smyth be appointed auditor.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Jones, that Mr. W. D. Riddell be appointed.

On the vote being taken, the amendment was carried, and Mr. Riddell declared elected.

As second auditor, His Worship the Mayor appointed Mr. Jeremiah Burwell Schram.

Moved by Ald Partridge, jr ,seconded by Ald. Sutherland, that the following members constitute a committee for the purpose of striking standing committees for the present year, viz : Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Jones, Hiscox, Rapley, Christie and the mover. Carried.

On motion, the Board then adjourned until seven o'clock to-night.

The Council resumed at 7 p. m., His Worship Mayor Pritchard in the chair, and the following members present: Sutherland, Campbell, Gray, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Jones, Skinner, Regan, Hiscox, Ross, McNab, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Boyd, Partridge, jr., Partridge, sr., Murray and Egan.

A communication was read from Rev. J J. Rice, protesting against assessment of Bible Christian Church parsonage, Horton street. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

Accounts were handed in as under: City Solicitor, services last year, $490 28; Returning Officers—A. Wallace. $9 50; Jas. Jury, $11; I M. Black, $21. Referred to Finance Committee.

Ald Pritchard, submitted the following report from the Committee appointed to strike standing Committees:

Finance. — Messrs. Campbell, Fitzgerald, Jones, Hiscox, Minhinnick, Christie, Partridge, jun.

Fire, Water and Gas. — Campbell, Murray, Regan, McNab, Rapley, Williams, Egan.

Board of Works.—Sutherland, Thompson, Skinner, Ross, Brown, Christie, Partridge, sen.

Market.— Gray, Thompson, Jones, McNab, Rapley, Boyd, Partridge, sen

Hospital.—Gray, Murray, Skinner, Hiscox, Minhinnick, Boyd, Partridge, sen.

License.—Campbell, Thompson, Jones, Hiscox, Brown, Williams, Egan.

Printing.—Gray, Fitzgerald, Skinner, Ross, Brown, Boyd, Egan.

Exhibition.— Sutherland, Thompson, Jones, Ross, Rapley, Christie, Partridge, jun.

Salaries.—Sutherland, Murray, Regan, McNab, Brown, Williams, Partridge, jun.

Railways.—Campbell, Murray, Skinner, Hiscox, Minhinnick, Williams, Partridge, jun.

Parks.— Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Regan, Ross, Minhinnick, Christie, Partridge, sen.

Board of Health.—Gray, Fitzgerald, Regan, McNab, Rapley, Boyd, Egan.

The report was adopted.

A by-law, appointing Messrs. W. D. Riddell and J. B. Schram auditors was then read a first time.

On the second reading, it was

Moved by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald, that the name of Mr. A. G. Smyth be inserted instead of that of Mr. W. D. Riddell. Carried.

Yeas—Sutherland, Gray, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Murray, Skinner, Ross, McNab, Egan, Partridge, sr.—10.

Nays — Jones, Regan, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Boyd, Partridge, jr.—9

Ald. Hiscox was absent when the vote was taken, and Ald. Campbell was excused from voting.

The by-law was then read a second and third time and finally passed.

Ald. Williams gave notice of motion that at the next meeting of the council he would move to repeal the by-law appointing assessors for the present year.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Christie, that the present assessors be instructed to proceed with their work without delay, subject to the salaries to be fixed by this council.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Murray, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the matter be laid over until next meeting. Lost.

Motion carried.

On motion, the following Aldermen were appointed to act as a Court of Revision: Campbell, Sutherland, Ross, Minhinnick and Christie.

In reply to Ald. Murray,

Ald. Campbell verbally reported that he, in conjunction with ex Ald. Lewis and Mr. Meredith, M. P. P., had had an interview with the authorities at Toronto in reference to the $24,000 back interest, but the interview was of no avail—it was no use; there was no hope whatever of getting out of paying it. The only question now was, how shall we pay it? The speaker thought the best way would be to issue debentures for the amount.

On motion, the Board adjourned for one week.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 22nd Jan., 1877.

The Board of Aldermen met at the usual time and place, His Worship Mayor Pritchard in the chair, and the following members present: Sutherland, Campbell, Jones, Regan, Ross, McNab, Minhinnick, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Egan, Partridge, sr., Hiscox, Fitzgerald, Brown, Murray, Boyd, Partridge, jr., Thompson, Skinner, Gray.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications were read—

From W. W. Fitzgerald, on behalf of Gen. Renwick, giving notice that application would be made to the county judge to change the plan of certain lots on Oxford and Mount Pleasant streets. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

From W. Y. Brunton and other auctioneers, asking for reduction of license to more reasonable amount. Referred to License Committee.

From George McLellan, for remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

From J. H. Bartlett and forty others on behalf of Francis Taylor, laborer, who was injured some time since while working for the city, asking that a weekly allowance be granted him in order to provide the necessaries of life for himself and family. Referred to Hospital and Relief Committees.

From several members of the Fire Department, asking that the Board consider the propriety of increasing their allowance at least 25 per cent., or an amount similar to that received some time since. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

Ald. Williams reported verbally that the Fire, Water and Gas Committee had, according to resolution of Council, purchased a new span of horses for the fire brigade.

Ald. Jones, Chairman, submitted the following report from the Market Committee:

1. That all butchers exposing meat for sale in wagons be removed to the east side of the Market Lane.

2. That all hucksters or other persons with tables for the purpose of buying and selling, be removed from the crossing running from the new arcade to Covent Garden, to a more suitable place.

3. That the Weigh Clerk be instructed to carry out the 33rd section of the market by-law.

4. And that W. H. Morehead be employed to clean the steps and sidewalks around the market house, at a salary of $2 per month.

Received and adopted.

Ald. Hiscox, Chairman of the Hospital and Relief Committee, read the following report:

1st. Your Committee beg to report that they have instructed the Clerk of the wood market to purchase No. 1 green wood, for the use of the city for relief purposes, price not to exceed $3.50 per cord.

2nd. Your Committee beg to recommend that no orders for relief be honored by the Relief Inspector, unless signed by the member of the committee of the ward in which the party asking for relief resides.

On motion, the report was taken up clause by clause.

First clause passed.

Second clause read.

On motion of Ald. Sutherland—

Relief officer Hughes was heard before the Council, and explained how he distributed wood, and showed the check he had on those who received it.

The clause passed and the report was adopted.

Ald. Campbelll, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the following accounts for 1876,and recommend the same to be paid: Relief account (G. W. R. passes), $27.65; S. & A. McBride, Police Station, $21.46; City Solicitor's account, $490.28; E. A. Taylor's account for stationery, $26.95; expenses of delegates to Toronto, $39. Total, $261 58. Election expenses for 1877—Robt. Scott, No. 1 Ward, $12; John Bonser, No. 1 Ward, $20; J. M. Keary, No. 3 Ward, $20; Arthur Wallace, No. 3 Ward, $9 50; C. S. Corrigan, No. 4 Ward, $21; J. Percival, No. 4 Ward, $12; Alex. Purdom, No. 5 Ward, $21; J. Jury, No. 6 Ward, $11; H. Imlach, No. 7 Ward, $17; Richard Dinahan, No. 7 Ward, $7. Total, $150.50.

Received and adopted.

A by-law appointing a court of revision for 1877, was read a first time.

On the second reading—

Ald. Murray moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald, that the name of Ald. Thompson be substituted for that of Ald. Campbell. Lost.

The second reading was then carried.

On motion the third reading was laid over.

A by-law relating to the Board of Health was read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Ald. Egan moved, seconded by Ald. McNab, That whereas the necessities of the city require the substitution of other lands for exhibition purposes than those at present set apart for that object, and having been for over 22 years; and whereas certain other parties being concerned besides the Corporation of theCity of London; resolved,that this Council proceed to take into consideration the matter, and that a committee be appointed to prepare some equitable scheme and submit the same to this Council; meantime said Committee be empowered to obtain abstract of title deeds and records showing the names and amount of interest held by other municipalities, and notifying and asking them to confer with the said Committee of this corporation, at time and place to be hereafter named, with a view to the carrying into effect the meaning and spirit of this resolution, said Committee to be composed of Messrs. Campbell, Thompson, Skinner, McNab, Minhinnick, Christie and Egan.

Ald. Campbell moved that the matter be laid over; seconded by Ald. Partridge, jr.

Ald. Partridge, jr., called for the ruling of the Mayor.

His Worship said that if Ald. Egan pressed his motion, he must rule that the committee named must be the Exhibition Committee.

Ald. Egan then said he would allow the motion to stand as a notice of motion.

The matter then dropped.

In reply to Ald. Campbell,

His Worship the Mayor referred to the recent meeting of the L. & P. S. R., and stated that it was intended to add new coupons to the bonds. The rent had been regularly paid to the city, according to agreement, and everything was working satisfactorily. As soon as a communication was received from the Secretary of the road relative to the new coupons the matter would be laid fully before the Council.

Ald. Campbell regretted that the Council had only one representative at the Board of Directors, and wanted to know whether it was possible to add two others, so as to make three, as formerly.

Ald. Egan, in reply, referred Ald. C. to the Act.

Ald. Partridge, jr., said we had no power to add.

Ald. Sutherland wanted to know whether there were not some old claims against the L. & P. S. R by the city.

The Mayor said there were, and they had been placed in the hands of a certain party to collect.

The discussion then dropped.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the Board of Works take into consideration the advisability of setting aside some portion of the $18,000 received from the L. & P. S. Railway Co., for the construction of sewers. Carried.

Ald. Partridge, jr., gave notice that at next meeting he would move that the necessary legal notice be given the City Gas Company, annulling the contract with the city.

The Council then adjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 5th Feb., 1877.

The Board of Aldermen met this evening at the usual time and place, the Mayor in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Skinner, Regan, Hiscox, Ross, McNab, Brown, Rapley, Williams, Boyd, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Murray, Minhinnick, Sutherland, Christie, Thompson, Egan, Jones, Gray, Fitzgerald, Campbell.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications were read—

From Mr. D. G. McKenzie, County Clerk, enclosing resolution of Council relative to the settlement of the Court House and Jail repairs, and also notifying the Board that Mr. John Waters had been appointed as their arbitrator in regard to the payment of the maintenance of prisoners in the County Jail. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

From Dr. Playfair, editor of the Toronto *Sanitary Journal*, asking the Board to subscribe for that periodical. Referred to Board of Health.

From J. Mercer, for free use of hall for charity ball on the 7th. Granted.

From the Protestant Home authorities, asking for the free use of the Hall on the evening of the 26th for a lecture by the Bishop of Huron. Granted.

From Mrs. Burleigh, Mrs. Major and Mr. R. Shaw for remission of taxes, the latter on pork factory. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

From Dr. Tufford and S. Peters, for reduction of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

From Dennis Flanigan and other butchers of the Market Square, asking the Board to reconsider the resolution passed at a meeting regulating their stands. Referred to Market Committee.

From John Birrell & Co. and 183 others, enclosing petition in reference to the proposed sale of Salter's Grove, and asking the Council to withdraw the sale of the same from the market. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

An account from S. & A. McBride ($3.80) was referred to the Hospital Committee.

From Mr. W. Bowman, Secretary of L. & P. S. Railway, enclosing annual report of the Directors, (which has already been published in these columns.) Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees.

Ald. Williams, Chairman of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Committee recommend the undermentioned payments: Stevens, Turner & Burns, for gasfitting, &c., $69.24; Fire Department—Two loads of cordwood, $10; one load of hay, $8; McKenna, two days' work, $2; pay-sheet for January, $245.81. Referring to the petition of five men of the Fire Department for an increase of pay, from $100 to $125 per annum, your Committee recommend no action for the present.

On motion the report was committed, Ald. Egan in the chair.

Moved by Ald. Christie, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the account be referred conjointly to the Fire, Water and Gas and Finance Committees. Carried.

All the items passed without discussion down to the petition of the firemen.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Brown, that the words "no action" be struck out, and the words "the prayer of the petition be granted," inserted instead.

Ald. Skinner moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the matter be referred to the salaries committee.

On the vote being taken, the clause of the report was adopted, and the committee rose and reported. On a motion to adopt the report as amended—

Ald. Jones moved in amendment, seconded by Ald Thompson, that the increase of salary asked for by the firemen be granted. Lost.

Yeas and nays on the original motion.

Yeas— Sutherland, Campbell, Gray, Murray, Skinner, Regan, McNab, Minhinnick, Rapley, Christie, Partridge, jun.

Nays— Fitzgerald, Thompson Jones, Hiscox, Ross, Browne, Williams, Boyd,

Egan.

Ald. Partridge sr. didn't vote. He believed there was a trick in the whole cheme.

The report was adopted as amended.

Ald. Hiscox, Chairman of the Hospital and Relief Committee, submitted the following report:

1st. That your Committee visited the Hospital in a body and found everything in the most perfect order, and the patients perfectly satisfied with the treatment they received, notwithstanding certain reports your Committee heard to the contrary.

2nd. The petition of Francis Taylor, the matter was referred by the Committee to Ald. Skinner and the Chairman with power.

3rd. A communication was read from Mr. W. R. Meredith, and the Committee wish to call the attention of the Council that the Government grant to this Hospital is reduced this year from $3,525.20 to $2,721.23, showing a reduction of $803.97.

4th. The report of the Hospital Steward was read, approved of by the Committee, and fyled for reference.

5th. The following accounts were read and passed, and recommended to the Finance Committee for payment, viz.: Tytler & Rose, groceries, $103.35; wood account, $162.34; Vanwick, for potatoes, $48.50; J. B. Smyth, bread, $40.59; Mrs. Woodward, milk, $17.36; Thos. Brook, fish, $6 89; Servants' wages, $51; Dr. Brown, surgical instruments, $6.38; Jas. Sloan, coal, $75 83; J. A. McCarville, dry goods, $17.27. Total, $603.78.

6th. A communication was received by your Committee from the medical staff, asking your Committee to recommend to the Council an increase of the resident surgeon's salary to $600 per year. Your Committee would recommend that the matter be referred to the Salaries Committee to report to this Council.

7th. Your Committee beg to call the attention of the Council to a small account of S. & A. McBride for $3.80, which your Committee decided to take no action.

It was explained by the Chairman that the sub-Committee had granted Francis Taylor the sum of $4 per month, to continue during the pleasure of the Council.

On motion, the report was taken up clause by clause.

First clause—

The clause passed.

The second clause was amended by adding "at the pleasure of the Council."

Clauses 3, 4 and 5 passed.

Clause 6—

Ald. Rapley moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the clause be referred back.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Gray, that the clause be struck out.

The amendment was carried by a large majority.

Clause 7 passed.

The report was then adopted as amended.

Ald. Campbell reported as under from the Finance Committee:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the following accounts for the month of January, and recommend the payment of the same: Fire Department pay sheet, $265.81; Centennial expenses, James Egan's account, $32 25; Ordnance Department, rent to Moffat, $56.25; Registry Office account, $3.95; Police Station account, $2.50; Relief account, $48.25; incidental expenses, telegraphy, &c., $2.40; City Hall expenses, $45.25; Hospital account for January, $603.88, H. Beltz, for help, $25; D. J. McPherson, for election, $12; J. M. Denton's account for police, $31.99. Total. $1,129.43.

Messrs. Stevens & Turner's account, $69.24, was laid over.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

All the clauses down to Mr. Denton's account (for buttons) passed without discussion.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment that the matter be referred back.

Seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald.

The amendment was lost, only four voting for it.

The report was then adopted.

Moved by Ald. Partridge, jr., seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the City Solicitor be instructed to give the requisite legal notice to rescind the contract at present existing between this Council and the London Gas Co.

The motion was carried unanimouly.

Ald. Campbell gives notice that he will move at next meeting to rescind the fire by-law, so as to restrict the powers of the committee.

The Council adjourned for two weeks, at 11.20 p.m.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 19th Feb., 1877.

The Board of Aldermen met at the usual time and place, His Worship The Mayor in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Sutherland, Campbell, Gray, Jones, Skinner, Regan, Ross, Brown, Rapley, Boyd, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Christie, Fitzgerald, Murray, McNab, Thompson, Egan, Williams, Hiscox.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications were read—

From Dr. Kains, Resident Surgeon of the Hospital, tendering his resignation Laid over.

From Rev. P. McDonald, John B. Taylor, Samuel Scott, Francis Westlake, Mrs. Mainer, Mary Ann Bruce, Ed. Lee and Ellen Campbell, claiming remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From Mr. James Smith, soliciting the free use of the City Hall for an evening about the middle of March, for an entertainment under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias. Granted.

From A. McCormick and others, asking for the appointment of Horace Duncan as chimney sweep. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From Polk & Co., asking for an order for copies of their city directory. Referred to Printing Committee.

Accounts were received from the *Free Press* Printing Company, printing, $114.38; HERALD office, $143.37; E. A. Taylor & Co., $12; County of Middlesex, jury expenses, $1,898.16, all of which were referred to the Printing Committee.

Ald. Jones, chairman of the market committee, submitted the following report:

Your committee recommend that the petition of the butchers, praying for removal to their old stand, be filed.

Your committee also present the annual report of the Weigh Clerk, and regret the great reduction of operations on our market, owing to the short crop of last year: Number of bushels of wheat, 392,673; value, $392,673. Bushels of barley, 254,422; value, $139,932. Bushels of oats, 534,081; value, $181.587. Bushels of peas, 130,236; value, $91,165. Bushels of corn, 27,298; value, $16,378. Kegs of butter, 6,000; value, $100,000. Hides, 12,000; value, $36,000. Pounds of pork, 3,127,600; value, $203,294. Bushels of clover seed, 1,200; value, $84,000. Pounds of wool, 175,000; value $52,500. Tons of hay, 3,000; value, $30,000. Total value, $1,327,529.00.

Adopted without discussion.

Ald. Brown, reported as under from the License Committee:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of W. Y. Brunton, Esq., and others, asking for a reduction of auctioneers' licenses, beg leave to recommend that a reduction of ten dollars ba made, making the license $50, instead of $60, for the present year.

Your Committee would also recommend that the licenses for taverns be $110. Exempt taverns, $130, stores, $130, and that all other licenses under the control of this Council be at the same rates as last year, viz.: Billiard tables, 1st, $30; 2nd, $25, additional, $20 each; Bagatelle tables, $40; Pool or Pocket, $40: Bowling Alleys, $40; Theatres, $80. Circuses, 1st class, $150; 2nd class, $100; 3rd class, $80, Side Show with same, $25; Fruit Stands, $5; Pedlers' License, $10, For-hire wagons, with two horses, $6; For-hire wagons, with one horse, $2; Lorries, each, $12; Cab license, $5; Buss license, $20; Livery Stables, $30, Petty Chapman, $2; Transient Traders, $5 per day; Temperance License, $10.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

First clause—

Ald. Christie moved in amendment that "$40" be inserted in the place of "$50," seconded by Ald. Campbell. Carried.

The remainder of the report was adopted without discussion.

Certain charges having been made through the press, reflecting seriously on the Hospital management, the Mayor, in the absence of the Chairman, deemed it advisable to call the Committee together to investigate said charges. After examining several witnesses as to said charges reflecting on the Hospital management, your Committee would recommend the appointment of a special Committee to investigate said charges.

Ald. Gray read the annexed report from the Hospital Committee.

Ald. Thompson moved that the matter be referred to the Hospital Committee, instead of a Special Committee.

Seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald.

At this point the Council went into Committee of the Whole, and on motion the following letter was read from Dr. Hagarty:

SIR,—As one of the visiting staff of the London General Hospital, I have been requested to give to your Committee my views in regard to certain accusations made against that body and the management of the Hospital.

I willingly comply with your request, but in doing so and in contradicting some of the statements made by the medical gentlemen who have written profusely on this matter, I wish them to understand that I will not follow any discussion that my remarks may call forth.

Now, as regards the diet of the patients confined in the Hospital. I took charge of that institution on the first day of October, 1876, and continued its sole visiting physician until the 1st January, 1877. I found in the Hospital at that time about 12 or 14 patients requiring active treatment, and a number of others who would be as well in the Orphan Asylum of the city. In attending those requiring active treatment I prescribed for them as I would for my private patients, and as all of them required supporting treatment, I, with a liberal hand, ordered them what is usually understood among medical men by that term. Before I was many days in attendance, while in conversation with the Resident Surgeon and Hospital Steward, both remarked in a jocose way that if I ordered the patients as much stimulant I would get the Chairman of the Hospital Committee after me, to which I said, I will order for my patients what I think their condition demands, and just as soon as I cannot do that, you can consider me dismissed from the Hospital staff. During my three months' attendance I ordered the patients everything that I thought they required, and it was in every case given them—whiskey, beer, porter, wine, beef tea, chicken broth, milk, eggs, porridge, &c, &c. In fact, anything that to my judgment was required was ordered, and was freely given by the Hospital Steward and House Surgeon; and never, during my attendance, was my order as to diet or medical treatment disobeyed. Nor was I treated in any other but in a most courteous manner by the Hospital Committee, the House Surgeon, the Steward, and Aldermen as a body. I have often asked my patients in that institution, have you received what I ordered you? And I have pleasure in stating that I always received an answer in the affirmative. I have also asked them, do you want anything? or, is there anything more you would like? And the answer to such questions was invariably no.

Now, Mr. Chairman, it is obvious to you, that during my attendance I was supreme officer, and that the inmates were well fed and satisfied in every way; that harmony prevailed in every department, and not a whimper of dissatisfaction was heard.

I also say that I was in the hospital on several occasions during the midday meal, which I saw served to the patients, and have no hesitation in saying that the meal was good in quality and sufficient in quantity; and, notwithstanding what others say to the contrary, I say it was as good a meal as you will find served in any institution of the kind in the country.

Now, Mr. Chairman, seeing that the Visiting Physician has unlimited power in the Hospital, it is obvious to you, that if the patients are poorly fed, if the food is deficient in quantity, or of bad quality, that is evidently the fault of the Visiting Physician, and I have no hesitancy in stating emphatically that the fault lies with him, and him alone.

As regards this cast-iron diet law, I would say that during my time I did not find it necessary, and would not have used it had it been in operation, for the following reasons: I found the general diet of the Hospital to suit very well all those who did not require extras, and had it (the diet law, this bone of contention) been in use it would not cover extras, which should be prescribed as required in each individual case.

As regards dirty towels and absence of soap, that has been spoken of so much, I must say that during my attendance I noticed that everything in he hospital, such as floors, bed covers and linen, and the hospital uniform, were always clean and tidy. As to the towels, I never noticed them, but, I think, had I directed my attention to them, I should have found them in keeping with what I have stated.

As regards this pile of filth in the cellar, which I am officially informed is nothing more nor less than some tender bulbs and flower roots that, in proper time, will add beauty to the surroundings of the institution and pleasure to the poor convalescent. This pile I have never seen, Mr. Chairman, as I was not aware it was my duty to peep into cellars and to act as a spy generally. I always thought the duty of a physician was a more noble one than that of a detective, and, notwithstanding what has transpired, I think so still. Believe me to be, yours faithfully,

D. M. J. HAGARTY.

After some discussion,

The clause was adopted, the Committee rose and reported, and the report was adopted.

Ald. Christie moved that the resignation be accepted.

Seconded by Ald. Boyd.

At this point Ald. Christie changed his motion to read: "That the resignation of Dr. Kains be referred to the Hospital Committee, with power." Carried.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that Aldermen Partridge, jun., and Christie, Drs. Tufford and Hagarty, and Messrs. D. Lester, G. M. Gunn and W. Y. Brunton be the Special Committee to investigate the charges against the Hospital Committee.

Ald. Campbell asked permission to change the *personnel* of the Commission to the following gentlemen, power being given them to call in outside aid:—Ald. Partridge, jun., Campbell, Jones, Christie, Rapley, McNab, Fitzgerald, and His Worship the Mayor.

The motion then passed as amended.

Ald. McNab, Chairman of the Salaries Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Committee recommend that the following salaries be paid to the following officials of the City of London for the current year, viz:—City Clerk, $1,200 00; City Chamberlain; $1,100 00; Weigh Clerk, $800 00; Street Commissioner, $700 00; Relief Officer, $500 00; Clerk of the Wood Market, $350 00; Janitor City Hall, $500 00; Assessors, each, $500 00; Auditors, each, $100 00; Chief Fire Department, $800 00; First Engineer Fire Department, $600 00; Second Engineer Fire Department, $500 00; Engine driver Fire Department, $400 00; Hose driver Fire Department, $365 00; Foreman Fire Department, $200 00; Four branchmen Fire Department, each, $150 00; Five ordinary men, at call for Fire Department, each, $100 00; Janitor Fireman's Hall, $300 00; City Engineer, $800 00; License Inspector, $200 00; Steward and Matron City Hospital, $600 00; Expenses Mayor's chair, $600 00.

It having been explained that the only alteration from last year was a slight increase in the salary of the City Hall Janitor, the report was adopted.

Ald. Sutherland verbally reported that the Government had formally accepted the militia buildings, but the local militia authorities were not yet prepared to take charge of the same.

Ald. Campbell asked that his motion—that the Fire, Water and Gas Committee be relieved from certain responsibility, as per by-law—be referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee to report upon. Agreed to.

The Council then adjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 5th Mar., 1877.

The Board of Aldermen met at the usual time and place, His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and the following members present: Campbell, Gray, Fitzgerald, Murray, Jones, Regan, McNab, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Partridge, jr., Hiscox, Williams, Skinner, Partridge, sr., Egan, Boyd, Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications were read as follows:

From Thos. Drought, acknowledging receipt of corporation notice annulling gas contract and stating that same would be laid before Directors. Referred to Fire, Water & Gas Committee.

From Mrs. Gregston, on behalf of W. C. A., asking for free use of City Hall on evening of 20th for the purpose of holding lecture in aid of Refuge. Granted.

From Rev. Father Northgraves for free use of hall on evening of 16th for concert and lecture for benevolent purposes. Granted.

From G. W. Woodliffe and John Bickell asking for appointment as chimney sweeps. Referred to Fire, Water & Gas Committee

From Mrs. McNeil, Thames st., asking for grant to pay rent. Referred to Hospital and Relief Committee.

From Mr. B. W. Hamilton and others asking for use of fair grounds by Mutual B. B. C. on forenoon of 24th May. Referred to Exhibition Committee.

From Thos. Cathro and others for tank and fire alarm box corner of Gt. Market and Palace streets. Referred to Fire, Water & Gas Committee.

From L. E. Shipley, on behalf of the Provincial A and A. A., to know when it would be convenient for the members of the Council to meet Building Committee of A. for the purpose of discussing the subject of repairs, &c., to buildings. Referred to Exhibition Committee.

From A. J. B. Macdonald, on behalf of J. Cockburn, intimating that proceedings would be taken in chancery against the corporation if any attempts were made to lease any portion of the Park Grounds. Referred to Park Committee.

From Crawford & Co., praying for sidewalk on Adelaide street (west side), between Dundas and King. Referred to Board of Works.

From H. R. Page & Co., asking for subscriptions towards Atlas of County. Referred to Printing Committee.

From W. Burkholder, asking for position of hospital surgeon. Referred to Hospital and Relief Committee.

From David Chambers, asking for appointment as Assistant City Clerk. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From S. Clarke, J. D. O'Neil, Susan Ross and Mary Ackroyd, for remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committees

Ald. Fitzgerald, Chairman, submitted the following report from the Special Committee appointed to investigate hospital affairs:

Your Committee, having first notified Dr. Brown and several members of the existing staff, and a number of other witnesses, to attend before them, met for the purpose of investigating said charges, and report as follows:

1. Drs. Brown and Niven, although duly notified to attend before your Committee, refused to do so, stating their reasons for so refusing to be that they did not consider your Committee a fair or impartial one.

2. Your Committee took the evidence of Drs. Payne, Hagarty, Fraser, Lancaster, Tufford, Moore, Cattermole, Fenwick and Kains; also, Messrs. O'Neil,

Fram and Lane, members of the County Council; S. Grant, Hospital Steward; His Worship the Mayor, ex-Alderman Cowan and others. And, after a most careful investigation, your Committee came to the unanimous conclusion that the charges made by Dr. Brown were uncalled for and without any foundation whatever.

Adopted without discussion.

Ald. Hiscox, chairman, read the annexed report from the Hospital and Relief Committee:

1st. Your committee would recommend that the resignation of Dr. Kains, the resident surgeon, be accepted on the first day of April next, and would further recommend that this Council advertise for a resident surgeon, salary to be fixed by the Council.

2nd. In the matter of the County Hospital account, your committee decided to obtain the advice of the City Solicitor before taking any action.

3rd. A communication having been received by your committee from the G. W. R. authorities relative to paupers' passes over their road, your committee resolved to leave the matter in the hands of His Worship the Mayor and chairman to make the best terms with the Company possible.

4th. The report of the Hospital Steward for the month of February was received, examined by your committee, and fyled for reference.

5th. The Relief Inspector's report for the month of February, showing an expenditure amounting to $62 cash and fifty five cords of wood, was approved of by your Committee, and adopted.

6th. The following accounts were received and passed, and your Committee would recommend them to the Finance Committee for payment, viz:—Ryan, for wages, $8 00; Burch, for straw, $11.25; McCullum, for drugs, (five per cent off) $77 35; Adamson, for plumbing, $19 40; S. and A. McBride, sundries, $3.80; James Sloan, coal, $34 07; John Millar, coal oil, $56.87; Thomas Powell, meat, $73.79; Tytler & Rose, groceries, $97.30; J. B. Smith, bread, $34 93; Mrs. Woodward, milk, $16 80; Servants' wages for February, $49.86.

Statement of money and wood given out for the month of Feb., 1877, and distributed as follows:—

		Wood
Ward No. 1	$ 6	8½ cords
Ward No. 2	19	7½ "
Ward No. 3	12	10 "
Ward No. 4	3	2½ "
Ward No. 5	6	12 "
Ward No. 6	8	11 "
Ward No. 7	8	2 "
Total for Feb.	62	53½ "
For soup kitchen		1½ "
		55 "

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

First clause read.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Williams. That the latter part of the clause be referred back and that the first part be adopted. Carried.

Second clause passed.

Third clause—

The Mayor called Ald. Campbell to the chair, and explained the outrageous system of "dead beating" on railway passes pursued by tramps and indigent families, especially Americans going from the east to the west and *vice versa*. From the 15th of January up to the present time he had received no less than 467 applications for railway passes. His Worship wished an expression from the Council as to what should be his course in this matter in the future.

Moved in amendment to the clause by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the Mayor be instructed to issue passes to no one but Canadians or residents of this city.

On the vote being taken, the clause of the report was adopted.

Clauses 4, 5 and 6 were passed without discussion, and the report adopted as amended.

Ald. Partridge, jr., drew the attention of the Council to the non-arrival home of the views of the city sent to the Centennial. He had written to all authorities in reference thereto, without getting any trace whatever of them, and no one seemed to know what had become of them.

In the absence of Ald. Sutherland, the Mayor stated that the Government had officially taken possession of the new militia buildings, but had not yet given up the old ones.

Ald. Campbell, chairman, submitted

the following report from the Finance Committee:

Your committee beg leave to report payment of the following accounts, having examined the same and found them correct: City Hospital account for February, $487.49; Reid & Groat, for stationary, $11 75. Total, $499 24.

Your committee would further report that they have considered the petition of Messrs. Birrell and others against the sale of Salter's Grove, and your committee are of the opinion that it is advisable to sell Salter's Grove as soon as that property can be disposed of to good advantage, but would not object to have the matter submitted to the ratepayers, provided that the petitioners deposit a sufficient amount in the Treasurer's hands to defray the expenses of taking the vote.

Your committee also beg to report that the Auditors have prepared an abstract statement of the financial affairs of the city for the year 1876, together with a detailed statement of the same, and would submit them both to this Council, and would respectfully recommend that the Printing Committee be instructed to call for tenders for the printing of 300 copies.

On a motion to adopt the report.

Ald. Thompson moved in amendment to the clause, seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald, that the statement be referred to the Printing Committee, with power to have the same printed immediately. Carried.

The Council then adjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 19th Mar., 1877.

The Board of Aldermen met to-night at the usual time and place, His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and the following members present: Messrs. Gray, Fitzgerald, Murray, Jones, Skinner, Regan, Hiscox, Ross, Rapley, Christie, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Campbell, Sutherland, Minninnick, Boyd, Thompson, Williams and Egan.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following communications were read:

From Messrs. Slack and Owen, for purchase of broken front on Horton street. Referred to Finance Committee, with power.

From John Gray, for permission to erect boat house, near Clarke's Bridge. Referred to Board of Works.

From Joseph Jeffrey, permission to erect frame addition to his house. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From Mrs. Hopkins, John Coote, J. C. Brown and Mrs. Keys, for remission of taxes. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

Accounts from Stevens, Turner & Burns ($161.46) and Wm. Bryce (30c.) were referred to the Finance and Assessment Committee.

Ald. Gray reported verbally that the Board of Health had met and appointed him Chairman.

Ald. Ross submitted the following report from the Printing Committee:

1st. The following accounts were examined and recommended for payment as follows: M. D. Dawson & Co., $143.37; *Free Press* Printing Co., $114.38.

2nd. It was resolved that the communication of H. R. Page & Co., respecting their Atlas, be laid over for consideration, they not being present to give explanations required.

3rd. It was moved by Ald. Egan, and seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the printing of the financial statement be printed by the present contractors, M. D. Dawson & Co., in accordance with the contract entered into with the press of the city, and subject to the conditions contained therein. Carried unanimously.

Your Committee met again on the 16th, to consider the communication of H. R. Page & Co.

After having carefully examined into the merits of their Atlas, we would recommend the purchase of three copies of the same, they to be according to sample shown, for the use of the following officers: City Chamberlin, Clerk's and Engineer, price not to exceed $12 per copy.

On the motion to adopt,

Ald. Rapley moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Christie, that the last clause be struck out.

Ald. Thompson moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Ald. Sutherland, that one copy be ordered.

The amendment to the amendment. Lost.

The vote on the adoption of the report stood as follows:—

Yeas—Jones, Skinner, Ross, Williams, Boyd, Egan, Partridge, jr., Fitzgerald. —8.

Nays—Gray, Campbell, Regan, Murray, Rapley, Christie, Patridge, sr., Hiscox.—8.

Not voting—Minhinnick.

The Mayor voted against the clause, and it fell to the ground.

Ald. Sutherland submitted the following report from the Park Committee:—

Your committee beg leave to recommend the sale by auction of the old military buildings on the park grounds as soon as practicable.

Your committee also recommend that the Tecumseh Base Ball Club be allowed

the use of a portion of the Artillery Block Park Grounds during the pleasure of the Council, subject to terms and conditions satisfactory to the Council.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

First clause passed without discussion.

Second clause—

Ald. Sutherland moved, seconded by Ald. Minhinnick, the adoption of the clause.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Christie, seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald, that a portion of the park grounds known as the infantry barrack square, be granted the Tecumseh base ball club.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Partridge, sr., that while this corporation has no objection to allow all the base ball clubs of this city, and visiting clubs, to use the park grounds in playing their matches, still this Council cannot grant any club or parties any exclusive rights to any portion of the park, as it would be an infringement on the rights of the citizens, and in direct contravention to the opinion of the City Solicitor, as already acted upon by this Council.

On the vote being taken on the amendment to the amendment it was lost—11 to 3.

The amendment was then put and carried; after which the report as amended was adopted.

Ald. Williams submitted the following report from the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

Your Committee recommend that the contract for watering the streets be awarded to Proctor and Bryan, from the 1st April to 31st October, 1877, for the sum of $1,050, and for watering the Market Square and Market Lane, the above date, for the sum of $125, and for filling tanks from the 1st April, 1877, to 31st March, 1878, for the sum of $190. For filling new tanks at the rate of sixty cents per load, to Mr. Harvey.

The undermentioned account is recommended for payment: Mr. S. McBride, for glass, $31.

Referring to the petition of eighteen ratepayers for a tank and fire alarm box on the corner of Great Market and Palace streets, your committee recommend immediate action in the matter.

On motion the Council went into committee of the whole, Ald. Regan in the chair.

First and second clauses passed.

On motion the last clause was referred back to the committee; after which the committee rose, reported, and the report as amended adopted.

Ald. Campbell submitted the following report from the Finance Committee:—

The Finance Committee beg to report as follows:—That we have examined the following accounts, and recommend the same to be paid: - M. D. Dawson's account, $143.37; *Free Press*, $114.38; E. A. Taylor, $12.00; Stevens, Turner & Burns, $24.24; S. & A. McBride, $31. Total, $325.

Received and adopted.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the prayer of the petition of Mr. Joseph Jeffrey be granted.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Rapley, seconded by Ald. Jones, that the petition be referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee with power.

The original motion carried.

Ald. Skinner gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would move for the purchase of one copy of Page's atlas of the city and county.

On motion, the appointment of Hospital Surgeon was referred to the Hospital Committee to report at the next meeting of the Council.

Board adjourned.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 26th Mar., 1877.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber, to night, at the usual hour. Present—Aldermen Sutherland, Campbell, Gray, Jones, Skinner, Regan, Hiscox, Fitzgerald, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Boyd, Partridge, jr., Partridge, sr., Williams, Ross, McNab, Egan, Murray, Thompson.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that in the absence of His Worship, the Mayor, Ald. Partridge, jr., take the chair. Carried.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications were read—

From Col. Walker, and officers of the 7th batt., for use of commissariat building as band practice room. Referred to the park committee.

From Thos. Pritchard, for conveyance of broken front on west side of lot 27 on the north side of Horton street. Referred to finance and assessment committee.

From J. M. Cousins, asking for order for wind-mill to be used in watering park trees, etc. Referred to park committee.

Ald. Hiscox, chairman, submitted the following report from the Hospital and Relief Committee:

1st. That the petition of Mrs. McNeil, your committee would recommend no action.

2nd. That your committee approve of the present system of conducting the hospital, viz., that of employing a resident surgeon.

3rd. That your committee advertised for a resident surgeon, salary not to exceed four hundred dollars per annum, and to be employed only during the pleasure of the Council.

4th. Your committee would recommend that Dr. J. W. Burkholder be appointed resident surgeon for the London City Hospital in place of Dr. Kains, whose resignation has been accepted.

5th. Your committee would ask that the sum of $200 be placed to their credit.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

Clause 1 passed without discussion.

Clause 2 read.

Ald. Jones moved in amendment to the clause, seconded by Ald. Murray, that a visiting physician be appointed at a salary of $600 per annum, he finding all medicines.

On the vote being taken, the amendment was lost.

The clause then passed.

Yeas—Sutherland, Campbell, Gray, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Skinner, Regan, Hiscox, Ross, McNab, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Boyd, Egan, Partridge, sr.

Nays—Jones, Murray.

Not voting—Ald. Brown.

Clause 3 passed without discussion.

Clause 4 read.

Ald. Sutherland moved in amendment to the clause, seconded by Ald. Gray, that the name of Dr. Wilson be inserted in the place of Dr. Burkholder.

Ald. Murray moved in amendment to the amendment, that Dr. Payne be appointed.

Ald. Murray withdrew his amendment.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the matter of appointing a resident physician be referred back to the committee with power.

On the vote being taken the clause of the report was adopted.

The fifth and last clause passed without discussion.

At this stage a communication from W. J. Freeland, on behalf of the Y. M. C. A., was read, asking that they be freed from liability incurred in using

City Hall for religious service Sunday evening. On motion the prayer of the petition was granted.

In accordance with notice given at last meeting, Ald. Skinner moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that this Council purchase one copy of Page's atlas. Carried.

Ald. Murray gave notice that at next meeting of Council he would move that the notices calling members together be in future served as heretofore - not by mail.

Ald. Sutherland gave notice that at next meeting he would move that the motion passed at last meeting granting the infantry barrack block to Tecumseh base ball club be recinded.

Ald. Brown gave notice that he would move at next meeting that the Street Commissioner report to this Council through the Chairman of the Board of Works the expenditure of money from the 1st of January to the 31st March; the different localities where expended, and for what purpose.

The Council then anjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 10th April, 1877.

The Board of Alderman met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, the Mayor in the chair, and the following members present: Aldermen Gray, Fitzgerald, Regan, McNab, Brown, Murray, Christie, Egan, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Skinner, Williams, Ross, Sutherland, Rapley, Campbell, Thompson, Boyd, Jones, Hiscox.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

From the Secretary of the Board of Education, enclosing copy of the resolution passed at last meeting regarding the erection of a High School. Referred to the Finance Committee to report upon.

From D. W. Sexton, Wm. Barton and Ann Lovelace, for remission of taxes. Referred to Fanance and Assessment Committee.

From Mr. T. H. Luscombe, Secretary, of the C. of E. Y. M. A., asking for free use of City Hall on evening of 13th for a free lecture by the Bishop of Huron. Granted.

From Mr. H. P. Brock and others, of Great Market street, asking that a plank sidewalk be laid on north side of said street, between Colborne and Maitland. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mr. H. Lee and others, asking that a plank sidewalk be laid on St. James' street, from Waterloo to Grosvenor. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mr. J. M. Denton and others, asking that a box drain be constructed along Queen's Avenue, from Clarence to Wellington street, in order to carry off the surface water and thereby save the trees. Referred to Board of Works.

From Messrs. Elson Bros. and other butchers in the market, asking a reduction of rents for stalls. Referred to Market Committee.

From Mr. W. D. McGloghlon, on behalf of the Independent Order of Foresters, for the free use of the City Hall on the evening of the 13th, for a lecture by Rev. Mr. Poole. Granted.

From Dr. Graham, of Bothwell, on behalf of the Tecumseh Testimonial Fund, asking the free use of the City Hall, for the purpose of giving a concert in aid of that laudable object. Granted.

From Warren Rock, Esq., Q. C., claiming damages on behalf of Dr. Tupper for injury to his buggy by collision with a post near Blackfriar's Bridge. Referred to Board of Works.

From Mr. R. J. Darville, asking permission to move a frame from front to rear of lot within the limits on King st. Referred to Board of Works.

From H. C. R. Becher, Esq., asking the Council to pass a by-law prohibiting stone, gravel, etc, being removed from the river bank in front of his property on Great Talbot street, and to grant him full control over said gravel, stone, etc., so as to enable him to protect his property from further inquiry. Referred to Board of Works.

From H. C. Green and others, requesting the Council not to grant the old Drill Shed grounds to the Tecumseh Base Ball Club, and giving reasons therefor. Laid over.

From O. F. Shafer, asking for the dismissal of the clerk of the wood market. Referred to Market Committee.

From Mr. P. Mulkern and others, on behalf of the Pickwick Cricket Club, praying that a piece of ground be granted them for playing on in Victoria Park. Referred to Park Committee.

From Mr. W. F. Freeland, asking the free use of the City Hall in order to give a free supper to the newsboys of the city. Granted.

From Mr. Alex. Willis, asking for free use of City Hall for 26th, 27th and 28th of April, for holding a bazaar in aid of

the building fund of Presbyterian Mission Church.

From Mr. E. R. Robinson, Secretary of Odd-Fellows' Committee, asking free use of City Hall on the evening of 26th, for an assembly.

Moved by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the Hall be granted to the Odd-Fellows on the 26th, and to the Presbyterians on the 27th and 28th, and 30th, if required. Carried.

Accounts were received from R. J. P. Morden, M. D., claiming damages for buggy, $2 50; J. Cameron & Co., advertising, $57.40, and City Gas Company, for quarter's gas, $1,657.05. The two first mentioned were referred to the Finance Committee; the last named was referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

Ald. Egan, chairman, submitted the ollowing report from the Fire, Water and Gas Committee:

Your Committee beg to report that the Chief of the Fire Brigade, having notified the Committee that two horses should be purchased at once, your Committee would recommend advertising for the purchase of the same.

Your Committee report progress on proposed new contract with the City Gas Company, and will report so soon as a basis has been agreed upon between the as Co. and the Committee.

Mr. Rayner, the contractor for sweeping chimneys of the city, appeared before your Committee on complaint of his not performing the duties belonging to his office, and not in accordance with the by-law under which he holds his appointment. After explanations, one of which was that he had not a copy of the by-law defining his duties, he was authorised to e a copy thereof and to proceed to thoghly attend to the requirements of householders needing their chimneys renovated.

Your Committee have decided that in future the Chief Engineer of the Fire Brigade restrict the services of the Brigade in case of fires to the city limits only, and upon no account to exceed such limits without the sanction of the Mayor or the Chairman of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

Received and adopted.

Ald. Sutherland, chairman, submitted the annexed report from the Park Committee:

The Park Committee beg to recommend the granting of a portion of the Artillery Block to the Tecumseh Base Ball Club in lieu of the Infantry Block.

Your Committee recommend complying with the prayer of the petition of the officers of the 7th Battalion respecting granting them the building known as the Commissariat Storehouse, on condition that they remove the said building and place it east of the new drill shed, facing on Market street, and that it be faced with brick, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

Your Committee very earnestly recommend and beg leave to ask that they be empowered to employ a suitable person to look after the trees on the streets and on any other public property in the city; to repair tree guards and to prune such trees when necessary, at a cost to the city not exceeding $150 for the season.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

First clause—

Moved in amendment by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Christie, that the clause be referred back to the committee to report the terms and conditions upon which the grounds shall be granted, and to state definitely the size of the ground required, etc., and report back to this Council.

The motion to adopt the clause was then carried.

Yeas—Sutherland, Gray, Jones, Skinner, Regan, Hiscox, Ross, McNab, Brown, Rapley—10.

Nays—Campbell, Fitzgerald, Murray, Christie, Boyd, Egan, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Williams—9.

Clause 2 passed without discussion.

Clause 3—

Ald. Egan moved that the following be added to the clause: "That when trees have died and the parties refuse to re-plant, the guards furnished by the city be removed and granted to others that may want them, and who will plant trees, that said guards may be at once utilized. When dead trees exist, the parties be given a reasonable time to comply with the requirements." Carried

The clause and the report was adopted as amended.

Ald. Hiscox, Chairman of the Hospital and Relief Committee, submitted the following report:

Report by the General Hospital, London, for quarter commencing 1st day of January, 1877, and ending 31st day of March:

Remaining in the hospital on 1st day January, 39 patients, chargeable to city, 28; County Middlesex, 4; pensioners, 1; paying patients, 4; Township Plympton, 1; Town of Exeter, 1.

Admitted during quarter from city, including 3 births, 1 male, 2 female, 42, from Co. Middlesex, 4; paying patients, 4; total number under treatment during quarter, 89.

Discharged, cured and improved, 48; city patients, 38; Co. Middlesex patients, 3; paying patients, 6; Exeter town, 1.

Died, 8, 7 male, 1 female; city patient, 6; pensioner, 1; Township of Plympton, 1.

Remaining in hospital 31st March, 33; chargeable to city, 26; to Co. Middlesex, 5: paying, 2.

Expenses of the General Hospital, London, in detail, during quarter commencing 1st day of January, and ending March 31st, 1877: Groceries; wines and liquors, brooms, brushes, $301 03; bread, $110 99; butchers' meet, $207 12; milk, $55 24; potatoes and vegetables, $59 15; shirts, sheeting, mattrasses, factory bandages, $96 27; soft soap, $9 00; coal, $159 85; oil lamps, tinware, repairs and labor, $62 67; medicine and surgical instruments, $114 01; servants' salaries, $159 06; interments and graves, $57 50; plumbers' work, $19 40; straw for bedding, $11 25; cleaning clocks, $1. 50; crockery, $23 58; beer, $16 50; bread cutter, $2 00; McBride's account, card cases, $3 80; fish, $16 69; total, 1,483 61.

Receipts during same period, viz.: From Mr. Geo. Abraham, $3, Mrs. E. Cameron, $9 50; Mr. Wm. Dunlop, $23; Mr. Wm. Vallier, $15; Mr. Hugh Tully, pension due from 1876, $6; Mr. Elijah Hillard, $21 90; Exeter town, for patient McKenzie, $29; Mrs. White, per L Lawrason, Esq, $16; Township of Lambton, for patient Williamson $26; R. Matthison Esq., Bursar Asylum, $33 34; Miss Eva Ross, $12; Mr. A. Marshall, $14 50. Total, $209 24.

Recapitulation of moneys and wood expended for the poor of the city from the first day of January to the first day of April, 1877, and divided in the several wards as follows:

Ward No.	1,	$21 10.	Wood,	25½	cords.
" "	2,	53 90.	" "	22½	"
" "	3,	29 40.	" "	47	"
" "	4,	8 40.	" "	10	"
" "	5,	17 50.	" "	42	"
" "	6,	21 40.	" "	36	"
" "	7,	23 40.	" "	8	"
			Soup Kitchen,	3½	"
Cash—		$175 10.		194½	"

1st. That the newly-appointed resident surgeon having absented himself without leave, your committee recommend that he be discharged forthwith.

2nd. That the monthly and quarterly report of the Relief Inspector be adopted.

3rd. That the Hospital Steward's quarterly and monthly report be also adopted.

4th—Your Committee having examined the following accounts, would recommend them to the Finance Committee for payment, as follows: Tytler & Rose, groceries, $99.88; Smith, for bread, $35.47; Mr. Woodward, milk, $21 08; Servants' wages, $47.50; Reid, crockery, $23 58; Powell & Co., meat, $59,05; McCallum, drugs, $28 76; Hinton & Portwood, burying dead, $57 50; John Millar, coal oil, 58c.; R. Colgrove, vegetables, $10; Churcher & Co., soap, $9; Brock, fish, $9 80; Philips, repairing clocks, $1 50; Manville & Brown, bread cutter, $2; Labatt & Co., ale, $16 50; R. Murray, dry goods, $79 01; James Sloan, coal, $49 45; Hinton & Portwood, burying dead, $15; McCarville, dry goods, $30 65; total, $602.68.

Statement of moneys and wood expended for the poor of the city from the first day of March to the first day of April, 1877, and distributed as follows: Ward No. 1, $5 and 8 cords wood; Ward No. 2, $17 and 6½ cords wood; Ward No. 3, $10 and 13½ cords wood; Ward No. 4, $1 and 2 cords wood; Ward No. 5, $5.75 and 12 cords wood; Ward No. 6, $5.50 and 11 cords wood; Ward No. 7, $8.50 and 2 cords wood. Total, $53.75 and 55 cords wood.